

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A magnetic recording and reproduction apparatus, comprising:

an arm section pivotable about a pivoting shaft;
a tape guide section provided on the arm section for guiding a magnetic tape;

a capstan section for driving the magnetic tape so as to run; and

a maintaining section provided on the capstan section;

wherein:

the arm section is pivotable between a first location and a second location;

the first location is a location at which the information recording to and/or information reproduction from the magnetic tape is possible;

the second location is a location at which the information recording to and/or information reproduction from the magnetic tape is not possible; and

when the arm section pivots from the second location to the first location, the maintaining section maintains a relative position of the arm section, which is in the first location, to the capstan section.

2. A magnetic recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein as the arm section pivots from the second location to the first location, the tape guide section pulls out the magnetic tape.

3. A magnetic recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the tape guide section is provided on the arm section so as to maintain a relative tilt of the tape guide section to the arm section;

the maintaining section is provided on the capstan section so as to maintain a relative tilt of the maintaining section to the capstan section; and

when the arm pivots from the second location to the first location, the maintaining section maintains a relative tilt of the arm section, which is in the first location, to the capstan section.

4. A magnetic recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a cylinder for recording information to and/or reproducing information from the magnetic tape;

a first chassis section having the cylinder provided thereon; and

a second chassis section on which a cassette accommodating the magnetic tape is mountable, the second chassis section being movable with respect to the first chassis section;

wherein in accordance with the movement of the second chassis section, the arm section pivots from the second location to the first location.

5. A magnetic recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein:

the first chassis section has a first chassis surface having the cylinder thereon, and a second chassis surface substantially perpendicular to the first chassis surface;

the capstan section includes a pivoting adjusting section for pivoting the capstan section along a plane parallel to the second chassis surface so as to adjust a

tilt of the capstan section;

the second chassis surface has an engaging section engageable with the pivoting adjusting section;

the pivoting adjusting section pivots in accordance with the pivoting of the capstan section; and

the pivoting center of the pivoting adjusting section substantially matches the position of the maintaining section.

6. A magnetic recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when the arm section pivots from the second location to the first location, the tape guide section is located in the vicinity of the maintaining section.

7. A magnetic recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of guide posts for guiding the magnetic tape; wherein:

one of the plurality of guide posts is the tape guide section; and

when the arm section pivots from the second location to the first location, the tape guide section is closest to the capstan section among the plurality of guide posts.